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REMARKS

The present Reply adds new claim 14. The basis for claim 14 includes claims 8, 9 and 10. This specific combination of limitations has not previously been considered by the Examiner and thus creates a "new issue." Accordingly, a first action "final" on the part of the Examiner would not be appropriate. Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Carl T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee is being filed concurrently herewith.

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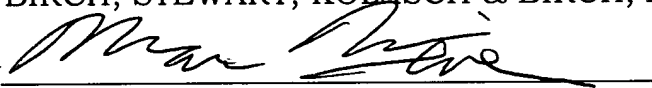
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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